

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8, 14-15 and 18-22 were examined. Claims 4, 18-19 and 20 are amended. Claims 1-3 and 14-15 are canceled. Claims 4-6, 8 and 18-22 remain in the Application.

The Patent Office objected to claims 4-6, 8, 19 and 22 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but found the claims otherwise allowable. Claims 4-6, 8, 19 and 22 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of the respective base claims. Accordingly, Applicant believes such claims are allowable. Further, claim 18 and claim 20 are amended to depend from allowable claim 19. Accordingly, Applicant believes claims 18, 20 and 21 are also allowable over the prior art of record.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Patent Office withdraw the rejection to 4-6, 8, 19 and 22 as well as the rejection to claims 18, 20 and 21.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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